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Art Unit: 3672
Confirmation No.: 8702
Our File: 1301-1160

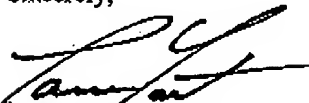
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the following items (16 + 1 pages) relating to the above-identified application:

- (1) Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 (16 pages).

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please call the undersigned at your earliest convenience. Otherwise, please accept the enclosed.


Sincerely,


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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, due for reply by September 15, 2005. In view of the following remarks, allowance of the claims pending in this application are respectfully requested.